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SUBJECT: UN ADMINISTRATION: COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES - ECOSOC

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SUMMARY: COMITE ON CONFERENCES FINALLY REACHED AGREEMENT AFFECTING MEETING PLACES OF REGIONAL AND FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS AND SUBORDINATE BODIES OF ECOSOC. SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF REGIONAL COMMISSIONS SHOULD MEET ONLY AT RESPECTIVE HEADQUARTERS UNLESS ADDED COSTS ARE MET BY OTHER STATE IN REGION. FOUR OF FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS SHOULD PLAN ON MEETING IN NEW YORK UNLESS RATIONAL CONFERENCE PLANNING SUGGESTS MEETING IN GENEVA WOULD BE JUSTIFIED. END SUMMARY

1. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE (HAHN) ON JUNE 4 READ OUT FORMULATION OF COMITE'S RECOMMENDATION AFFECTING MEETINGS OF FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS OF ECOSOC (PARA 2 REFTEL A). CHAIR STATED THAT FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS, WITH THE EX-UNCLASSIFIED

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CEPTION OF COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

COMMISSION (REFTEL B), SHOULD PLAN TO MEET AT ESTABLISHED HEADQUARTERS (NEW YORK) UNLESS A MORE RATIONAL PATTERN OF CONFERENCES COULD BE ESTABLISHED BY HOLDING CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS OF THESE COMMISSIONS AND THEIR BODIES IN GENEVA. HE ADDED QUALIFICATION THAT COMITE'S RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO EVENTUAL DECISION BY UNGA RE VIENNA AS POSSIBLE UN CITY. CHAIRMAN'S FORMULATION WAS ACCEPTED BY COMITE MEMBERS.

2. COMITE RESUMED CONSIDERATION OF MEETING PLACE OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS (REFTEL C). US (KELLER), PHILIPPINE AND (TO MUCH LESS EXTENT) SOV REPS SPOKE IN FAVOR OF REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND THEIR BODIES MEETING AT THEIR RESPECTIVE HEADQUARTERS AND THUS BEING REMOVED FROM LIST OF EXCEPTIONS OF THOSE WHICH MAY MEET ELSEWHERE. YUGOSLAV REP, STARCEVIK, CONTINUED TO CONTEST THIS DECISION BUT, WHEN HE RECEIVED NO SUPPORT FROM OTHER MEMBER OF COMITE, WITHDREW HIS OBJECTION ON GROUNDS THAT SINCE ECE IN ANY EVENT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN LIST OF EXCEPTIONS SET FORTH IN GA RES 2609 (XXIV) HE COULD NOT SPEAK FOR OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS. CHAIRMAN THEN ANNOUNCED DECISION OF COMITE THAT "ON BALANCE" SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF REGIONAL COMMISSIONS SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO MEET AT HEADQUARTERS AND COMITE BELIEVED THAT COMMISSIONS SHOULD ADHERE TO BASIC PRINCIPLE INVOLVED. COST OF MEETING AWAY FROM HEADQUARTERS OF THESE BODIES WERE COMPARABLY MINOR AND HOST COUNTRIES WITHIN RESPECTIVE GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS SHOULD THEREFORE BE PREPARED TO BEAR SMALL ADDED COSTS.

3. COMMENT: ABOVE TWO DECISIONS IF IMPLEMENTED SHOULD GENERATE SOME BUDGETARY SAVING TO ORGANIZATION AND BRING ABOUT BETTER UTILIZATION OF EXISTING RESOURCES. WE DOUBT HOWEVER IF DECISIONS TAKEN WILL REMAIN UNCONTESTED WHEN THEY ARE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF COMMISSION AND ECOSOC. 22 MEMBERS COMITE ON CONFERENCES HAS YET TO ESTABLISH EFFECTIVE MODE OF OPERATION. FURTHERMORE, MOST MEMBERS IN COMITE TEND TO REMAIN MUTE AND WE FEAR THAT POSITIONS SEEMINGLY AGREED UPON WITHIN COMITE MAY NOT BE SUPPORTED BY DELEGATIONS OF SOME OF UNCLASSIFIED

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